GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is danger to the life and property of the people of the Indian origin living in Nepal; and

(b) if so, the details of the efforts being made by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI KRISHNAM RAJU)

(a) and (b) In the last week of December 2001, demonstrations were held in Kathmandu and other places of Nepal protesting against the alleged anti-Nepal remarks purported to have been made by Indian film star Hrithik Roshan. The demonstrations took an anti-India colour and resulted in damage to the property of people of Indian origin in Kathmandu and some other places of Nepal. The Government of India took up the matter at the highest level with His Majesty`s Government of Nepal to ensure the safety and security of Indians and people of Indian origin in Nepal and their properties. The Government of Nepal conveyed its assurance that necessary measures would be taken.

Recently, India-Nepal Foreign Secretary level talks were held in Delhi on January 30 and 31, 2001. The issue came up for discussion during these talks and the concern of the Government of India has been conveyed to the Nepalese side. Both sides agreed on the need to ensure that such incidents do not recur in future.